

Part X-D. Animal Euthanasia with Sodium Pentobarbital

[Editor's Note: A new Part X-C, consisting of R.S. 40:1041 through 1046, also known as the Animal Euthanasia Act, was created by Act 225 of 1987 Legislature. Act 676 of 2006 Legislature re-designated this Part as Part X-D. Subsequent amendments are noted herein.]

§1041. Purpose

It is the purpose of this Part to establish a permit system to allow animal control facilities to acquire and administer sodium pentobarbital for the humane euthanasia of sick, homeless, and abandoned animals.

§1042. Permit

No animal control agency or facility shall purchase, possess, or administer sodium pentobarbital to sick, homeless, injured, or unwanted pets or other domestic or wild animals for their humane euthanasia without the permit required by this Part.

§1043. Permit application

Any duly incorporated humane society contracted to perform animal control services by a parish or municipality or any parish or municipal animal control agency may apply to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals for a permit to purchase, possess, and administer sodium pentobarbital for the humane euthanasia of animals.

§1044. Permit issuance and conditions

- A. The secretary shall not issue a permit to purchase, possess, or administer sodium pentobarbital for the humane euthanasia of animals unless the following criteria have been met:
 - (1) The animal control agency or facility is a duly incorporated humane society contracted to perform animal control services by a parish or municipality or a parish or municipal animal control agency.
 - (2) The animal control agency has on staff a certified euthanasia technician, as provided in R.S. 37:1551 et seq.
 - (3) Any other criteria which may be established by the department pursuant to R.S. 40:1046.
- B. The permit shall designate a sole responsible person for the duration of the permit to oversee the purchase, possession, and administration of sodium pentobarbital, which such person shall be a certified euthanasia technician.

§1045. Permit revocation or suspension; inspections

- A. The secretary may revoke or suspend any permit issued hereunder if it is determined that sodium pentobarbital is being used for any purpose other than humane animal euthanasia or that the permitted facility has failed to abide by the regulations promulgated by the secretary for the safe and efficient purchase, possession, or administration of sodium pentobarbital.
- B. The department shall inspect any permitted animal control facility to determine compliance with this Part or any rules or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

§1046. Rules and regulations

The department may promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Part.

(end of Part X-D of Chapter 4)